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NINETY-THIRD YEAR.

# THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

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A capital letter next Sunday.

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## CABINET NOW FAVORS AN EXTRA SESSION

## NINTH INFANTRY RANKS THINNED.

The President Starts for Washington to Consider Question.

TROOPS FOR CHINA.

Twelve Thousand More Are Ordered to Go From Manila.

MORE MEN NEEDED.

Congress May Be Convened to Call for Volunteers.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.**  
Washington, July 16.—President McKinley left Canton, C. O. for Washington to-night. To-morrow a Cabinet meeting will be held at the White House, at which the President, with his official family, will consider the terrible situation which has developed in China. At this meeting it will be decided whether, in view of the stirring developments of the last few days, an extra session of Congress is necessary, to provide for calling out more volunteers for the service in the Orient.

The President did not leave Canton until he had talked over the long-distance telephone with several members of the Cabinet. It is admitted at the State Department that Secretaries Bay, Root, Long and Gage and Postmaster General Smith have recommended that the President call an extra session and the question is now in the hands of Mr. McKinley.

General Miller has earnestly urged that a large American force be sent to deal with the situation, even if it should be necessary to disregard General MacArthur's wishes concerning the Philippines. The former has drawn troops from the Army to assist the administration.

Secretary Root to-day realized that it would be necessary to take more troops from the Philippines and he cabled to General MacArthur to make ready for the transportation to China of 12,000 more American soldiers. If an extra session is called and more volunteers are called for, it is not improbable that General Miller will personally assume command of the expedition and direct its operations in China.

Up to date over 22,000 American soldiers are under orders for service in China. General Miller has recommended Major General Bates for the command.

A good deal of amazement has been caused here by the complete misunderstanding that has been conceived by the European nations as to the attitude of the United States Government regarding the intervention of the Chinese revolution. The Government, it can be stated authoritatively, never has thought of compromising for money or any other form of indemnity. Indeed the subject of money indemnity or an apology never has been thought of or mentioned by the Government of the United States. The Government is not for justice and retribution, according to the highest authorities.

The War Department officials were unable to say who commands the Ninth Infantry since the death of Colonel Liscum. The press prevails that the Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment is still in China and that the man whom he left off of it will find the senior and consequently commanding officer in one of the Captain. Incidentally it may be mentioned that through Colonel Liscum's death Captain McCalla of the New York, if alive, is the ranking American officer.

The War Department officials are now considering a bold and daring strategy in hand. China is the great Chinese Army of nearly 1,000,000 is not a disorganized horde, but a fighting machine armed with the best weapons obtainable. That the crack British artillerymen were driven back and slaughtered by the well-directed fire of the Chinese is well known and seen in the list of surprises prepared by the Chinese, who have seemingly been preparing for the struggle for several years.

The President has decided to promote General Shaffer, who will have command at least for the present of the American troops in China, to the rank of a Major General of Volunteers. At least three Brigadier Generals will be assigned to duty under Major General Shaffer. Likely appointees mentioned are Brigadier General Frederick D. Grant, Brigadier General E. H. Ball and Brigadier General J. M. Bell, all of whom are now doing duty in the Philippines.

**OUR ARMY IN CHINA.**

Washington, July 16.—Twenty-two thousand men will comprise the force the United States sends to China to aid the troops of other Powers in restoring peace and order in the Empire.

This force will be augmented if the Chinese trouble spreads, as the authorities fear, but further reinforcements can only be obtained by sending additional volunteers. Such action is impossible at this moment, and cannot be taken unless Congress specifically authorizes the President to raise more volunteer regiments. High officers of the army seem to apprehend that it will be necessary to increase the volunteer army not only for service in China, but also for the safety of the country preceding the insurrection in the Philippines.

The decision to largely increase the American force in China was reached at a Cabinet meeting held at the State Department to-night. Though General MacArthur himself opposed a further reduction, the remaining administrative officers say the situation on the Asiatic Continent is much more pressing than that in the islands, and that American interests demand that this Government have a considerably stronger force in China.

At the end of the conference of the Cabinet meeting, General MacArthur would send all the troops he could possibly spare. But General MacArthur says he can spare none and it was therefore necessary for Secretary Root to take the matter in his own hands and send instructions to the other members of the Cabinet to prepare for the strength of further reinforcements to Tientsin. It is understood that General MacArthur has been called upon for between 20,000 and 22,000 men, the number depending upon the regiments selected, and they will complete all arms of the service.

In view of the report from Tientsin to-day showing the loss of 1,000 men, instructions were sent to Major General Shaffer, commanding the Department of California, directing him to select four batteries of the Third Artillery and direct them to prepare for immediate transportation to China.

**LOSS OF TROOPS UNDER ORDERS.**

The American forces in China will be brought up to these proportions:

In China:

Ninth Infantry, 1,000.

Machine Gun.

En route to Taku:



The Powers: "I thought somebody said these bags were all drosses."

Sixth Cavalry, due August 1, 800.  
Fourteenth Infantry, due July 24, 1,000.  
Battalion F, First Artillery, 100.  
Battalions ordered.

One company Third Cavalry, Company E,  
One company 12th Cavalry, Battalion Second  
First, Eleventh and Fifteenth Infantry, 1,750.  
To be sent to General MacArthur, in  
accordance with orders called to-day by Sec-  
retary Root, about 2,000.

Additional marines under orders, 200.

Four companies Third Artillery, 200.

Total 22,000.

The batteries of the Third Artillery General

Shaffer probably will select are A, C and G. Battery C is a light battery, and the others are foot batteries, but there will be no heavy guns.

The Heavy Artillery will be sent to San Francisco, and would have sailed by regular trip on August 20, per Sec-  
retary Root's orders that the United States Government should send what force it could dispose of in China as far as seemed necessary and should not make any agreement with other Powers as to the number.

**PRESIDENT LEAVES CANTON.**

Canton, July 16.—President McKinley left here at 10:30 this evening for Washington in a special car attached to the regular passenger train. Col. George F. Moore, Secretary to the Cabinet, rode in the same car as the President.

He will arrive in Washington to-morrow morning, and will be received by the Cabinet.

He will remain in the city to attend the

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